

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 10, 2007 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 37-40, 42-47, 49-51, and 69 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10, 13-15, 17-24, 27, 52-53, 55-59, 61-63 and 70-76 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Drawing Objection

The Examiner objected to Figures 4A and 4B requesting the addition of drawing legends. Applicants have submitted herewith replacement sheets for Figures 4A and 4B, which include legends. The attached annotated drawing sheets note the inclusion of legends. In addition, a typographical error was corrected in FIG. 4A (i.e., reference number "87" was corrected to read "84", as noted in the specification). Further, the lead line of reference number 52 in FIG. 4B was moved to be consistent with that shown in FIG. 4A, and to be consistent with the originally filed informal drawing. The attached annotated drawing sheets note such corrections. Withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

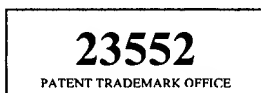
The Examiner rejected claims 37-40, 42-43, 44-47, 49-51 and 69 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Frazier et al. (U.S. Patent 6,430,288 B1) in view of Dithie et al. (U.S. Patent 4,821,150). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but have cancelled claims 37-40, 42-47, 49-51, and 69 to advance this application to allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10, 13-15, 17-24, 27, 52, 53, 55-59, 61-63 and 70-76 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10, 13-15, 17-24, 27, 52-53, 55-59, 61-63 and 70-76) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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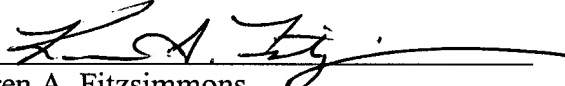

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FIG. 4

